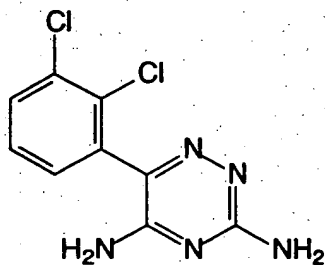


CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1 through 8 (canceled)

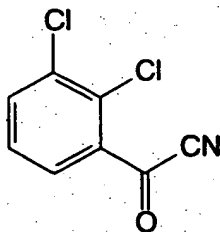
9. (New) A process for the synthesis of 3,5-diamino-6-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,2,4-triazine of formula (I)



I

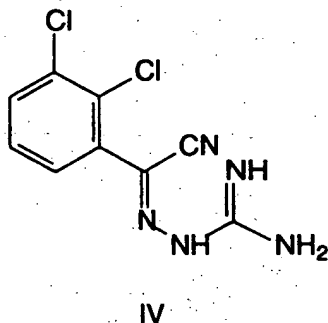
which comprises the steps of:

(a) transforming 2,3-dichlorobenzoyl cyanide of formula (II)



II

with 1-2 mol equivalent of an aminoguanidine salt in 3-6 mol equivalent of methanesulfonic acid to obtain an adduct of the Formula (IV)

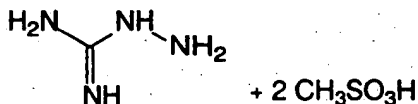


and,

(b) then transforming the obtained adduct of formula (IV) without isolation with magnesium oxide, to obtain the compound of the Formula (I).

10. (New) The process defined in claim 9 further comprising the step of recrystallizing the obtained compound of the Formula (I) using an organic solvent.

11. (New) The process defined in claim 9, wherein according to step (a) the aminoguanidine salt is the dimesylate salt of the formula (III)



5 is the aminoguanidine salt.

1 12. (New) The process defined in claim 11, wherein
2 according to step (a) 1.3 mol equivalent of aminoguanidine
3 dimesylate of formula (III) are used per equivalent of the compound
4 of the Formula (II).

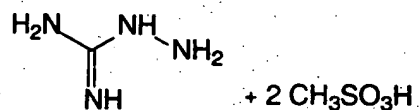
1 13. (New) The process defined in claim 9, wherein
2 according to step (a) 4.2 mol equivalent of methanesulfonic acid
3 are employed per equivalent of the compound of the Formula (II).

1 14. (New) The process defined in claim 9, wherein
2 according to step (b) the cyclization is carried out in the
3 presence of 2-4 mol equivalent of magnesium oxide.

1 15. (New) The process according to claim 14, wherein the
2 cyclization is carried out by using 3.75 mol equivalent of
3 magnesium oxide.

1 16. (New) The process according to claim 10, wherein
2 acetone is the organic solvent used for the recrystallization.

- 1 17. (New) Crystalline aminoguanidine dimesylate of
2 formula (III)



III

- 4 having a melting point of 147.5°C.

- 1 18. (New) A suspension consisting of aminoguanidine
2 dimesylate of formula (III) as defined in claim 17 in
3 methanesulfonic acid.